

Remarks

Claims 1 and 15-20 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing them in a continuation application. Claims 2, 7-9 and 11-14 are pending. Applicant appreciates Examiner's allowance of Claims 2, 7-9, and 11-14. Since only the allowed claims are pending in the application, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

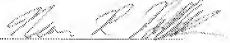
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 15-20 made herein, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been mooted and should be withdrawn. The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Should any changes to the claims and/or specification be deemed necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

This Response is being timely filed. In the event that any other extensions and/or fees are required for the entry of this Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2820 in the name of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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